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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable William J. Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey:

In December, the Pentagon ordered the Army's polygraph training school to cease use of a lesson plan and classroom hand-out on personnel screening because of the inappropriate material they contained. Some of the questions suggested for use were:

Have you ever consulted a psychiatrist?

Have you ever thought of committing suicide?

Have you ever experimented with the use of drugs?

Have you ever associated with persons addicted to the use of drugs?

Do you sometimes use alcoholic beverages to excess?

Has any member of your family ever been an alcoholic?

Have you ever been tempted to steal from an employer?

Are you a name dropper?

Do you belong to an ethnic club or group?

Have you ever purchased any anti-American books?

Do you believe you have any homosexual tendencies?

Have you ever been a party to an abortion?

Do you believe in background security investigations?

The lesson plan also says that membership in labor unions, the NAACP, political organizations other than the two major national political parties, or the Jehovah's Witnesses could be proper areas of inquiry during a background investigation. The material also says that any homosexuality should be pursued but that "occasional sexual 'flings' are to be expected."

We are writing to you because your agency conducts personnel security investigations. Many of the personal characteristics on which the DoD polygraph manual focused are also the subject of inquiries by personnel security investigators. In connection with hearings we plan to hold on the issue of personnel security investigations, we would like to know who could testify on behalf of your agency on the relationship between the types of issues listed above and the proclivity to commit espionage.

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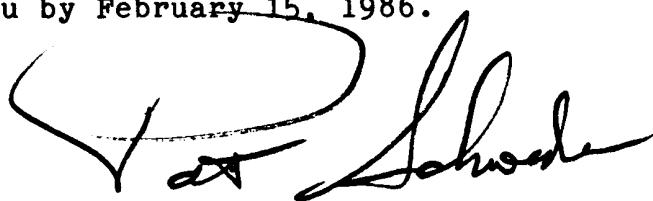
In order to build a useful hearing record, we would like a witness who can testify on the nexus, demonstrated through a scientifically valid method, between the types of behavior described above and espionage. Moreover, if your agency has determined that any of the subject areas listed above are inappropriate for inquiry, we would like to know the basis on which you made such determination.

We would appreciate hearing from you by February 15, 1986.

Sincerely yours,

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